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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Allen S. Wu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 1999 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5, 7, and 9. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9, 11-12, and 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedrick, US Patent 5,724,521, in view of Bladow et al, US Patent 6,115,040.

As per claims 1, 6, 11, Dedrick discloses a method for managing user information comprising the steps of: providing a site server (clearing house server, yellow page server, fig 1 col 14 ln 25-43) with information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details relating to users (contains user profile data); providing a database separate from the site server (personal profile database, fig 2, col 3 ln 29-59, and col 9 ln 18-27), the database having information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details relating to the users (col 3 ln 29-59); authenticating an identity of one of the users (information in

personal profile database is protected (col 7 ln 37-65); displaying a single interface, which provides the user access to both the site server (col 3 ln 29-59) and the database (col 3 ln 60-col 4 ln 2); allowing the user to view and change the information that is stored on the site server and the database and that is associated with the user (col 3 ln 60-col 4 ln 2, and col 7 ln 16-65); and tailoring the single interface based on the information associated with the user (col 3 ln 60-col 4 ln 2). However, Dedrick does not teach displaying the single interface upon authentication of the identity of the user. Bladow et al discloses a user authentication before an interface is displayed (col 3 ln 30-57). Both Dedrick and Bladow relate to providing a tailored user interfaces to access services on a server. Furthermore, Dedrick realizes the need for user authentication in editing user profile (col 7 ln 37-65). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Bladow et al within the system of Dedrick because it would have increase security by insuring that the user has valid access to a system and not just the user profile.

As per claims 2, 7, and 12, Dedrick further discloses the identity of the user being authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer certificate, and a log-in form (PIN, col 7 ln 51-65).

As per claims 4, 9, and 14, Dedrick discloses roles relating to the users including a manager, a customer, and an employee (job title, col 3 ln 34-50).

4. Claims 3, 8, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedrick, US Patent 5,724,521, in view of Bladow et al, US Patent 6,115,040 as applied to claims 1, 6, and 11 above, and further in view of Rose et al, US Patent 6,138,086.

As per claims 3, 8 and 13, Dedrick discloses the preferences relating to the users (color preferences, col 3 ln 35-60). However, the combination of Dedrick and Bladow et al does not explicitly teach the preferences relating to the users include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed. Rose et al discloses user preferences including a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed (col 2 ln 61 – col 3 ln 23). One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention would have been able to store additional preferences, including a currency and a language. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Rose et al within the combination of Dedrick and Bladow et al because it would have improved globalization, by allowing users of different languages to understand the user interface.

5. Claims 5, 10, and 15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedrick, US Patent 5,724,521, in view of Bladow et al, US Patent 6,115,040 as applied to claims 1, 6 and 11 above, and further in view of Li et al, US Patent 6,067,568.

As per claims 5, 10, and 15 Dedrick further discloses the details relating to the users include (demographic information, col 3 ln 34-50). However, the combination of Dedrick and Bladow et al does not explicitly teach the details relating to a user name and a legal name. Li et al discloses a method of tailoring user interface by storing details relating to the users including a user name and a legal name (col 7 ln 1-32). Both Li et al and the combination of Dedrick and Bladow et al disclose tailored user interfaces from user preferences. It would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Li et al within the combination of Dedrick and Bladow et al because it would have added convenience by uniquely identifying the user on the computer system.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Britton et al, US Patent 6,279,030, discloses a method of selecting programs based on a user profile.

Hetherington et al, US Patent 6,469,713, discloses a method of displaying a user interface based on a language attribute of the user profile.

Miller et al, US Patent 5,550,968, discloses a method of displaying a user interface that is tailored to access level of a user.

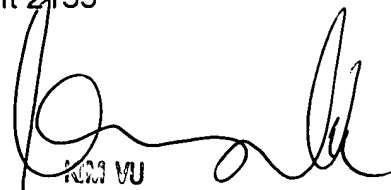
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen S. Wu whose telephone number is 703-305-0708. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 703-305-4393. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-0900.

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